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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 25 December 2001

[No meetings are scheduled at Headquarters, *today*, 25 December 2001, official holiday.]

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 26 December 2001

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The fourth session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development will be held from 14 to 25 January 2002. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 14 January, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work will be issued as document A/AC.257/31.

Delegations are requested to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Ms. Vivian Pliner-Josephs (room S-2950E; fax: (212) 963-5935).

Background information on the preparatory process for the International Conference on Financing for Development and the work of the Preparatory Committee is available on the financing for development Web site at: <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

The revised draft outcome document of the International Conference on Financing for Development, which has been prepared by the Facilitator, Mr. Mauricio Escanero, is available on the Financing for Development Web site at: <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd>. Hard copies of the text may be obtained from the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat (room DC2-2386).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Commission for Social Development acting as the preparatory committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing will hold consultations on the draft outcome document from 10 to 16 January 2002. Regional groups will meet from 7 to 9 January 2002. The deadline for the submission of new texts or amendments to the draft outcome document is Thursday, 10 January, at 12 noon.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 2001 session from 14 to 25 January 2002 in Conference Room 4. The agenda of the 2001 session is contained in document E/C.2/2001/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend, are requested to inform the Secretary-General about the composition of their delegation for the resumed session through the Committee Secretary, Mr. Otto Gustafik (room S-2950F; fax: (212) 963-5935).

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Bob F. Jalang'o (Kenya), on Tuesday, 15 January 2002, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

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The fortieth session of the Commission for Social Development will be held at Headquarters from 11 to 21 February 2002. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 11 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The provisional annotated agenda will be issued as document E/CN.5/2002/1, and the organization of work will be issued as document E/CN.5/2002/L.1.

Delegations are kindly requested to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Vivian Pliner-Josephs (room S-2950E; fax: (212) 963-5935).

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (21-25 January 2002) will take place on Thursday, 10 January 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2002/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session for 2002

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 21 to 25 January 2002 in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2002/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 7 January 2002.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Pre-session informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session for 2002 on Friday, 11 January 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

First regular session for 2002

The first regular session for 2002 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Monday, 28 January, to Friday, 8 February 2002, in Conference Room 2. The joint session of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA and of UNICEF, with the participation of WFP, will take place on Monday, 28 January, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/2002/L.1. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (fax: (212) 906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 21 January 2002.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the informal meeting held on Friday, 7 December 2001, the Chairperson of Working Group II of the Disarmament Commisison dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) distributed the information provided by delegations on documents and meetings on existing confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms. Copies of the information are available at the Department of Disarmament Affairs with Mr. Nazir Kamal (room S-3170F; tel.: (212) 963-6195), as well as with the Chairperson, Ms. Gabriela Martinic, Permanent Mission of Argentina (tel.: (212) 688-6300, extensions 226 and 224). The Chairperson would also like to remind all delegations that they might submit further information.

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Background information on the Secretary-General's report on the priority theme "Integration of social and economic policy" of the fortieth session of the Commission for Social Development (12-22 February 2002), is available to be picked up at the office of the Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development (room DC2-1370). It can also be downloaded from the Web site of the Division at: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/csd/2002/htm>.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) are jointly conducting a Workshop on the priority theme of the fortieth session of the Commission for Social Development: Integration of social and economic policy. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 16 January 2002, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 9 January . For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963- 9684 or (212) 963- 9196).

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As from Monday, 3 December 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 20 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 39th meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Albania

The representative of Botswana, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft decision A/C.5/56/L.27.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [125]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of India, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.23 and made a statement regarding the understanding of the Committee in connection with paragraph 6 of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The representative of Cuba made a statement in explanation of position.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

United Nations common system [127]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.15, submitted by the Chairman, which had been coordinated by the representative of Pakistan.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [131]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Norway, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.25.

The representative of India orally proposed an amendment to operative paragraph 8 of the draft resolution.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions made a statement.

The representative of the Russian Federation also made a statement.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally revised and amended.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [132]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Norway, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.26.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/56/L.62: Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan and the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/31).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/56/720).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that should it adopt draft resolution A/56/L.62, an amount of $7,355,400 would be charged against the provision of $93.7 million for special political missions requested under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized (A/C.5/56/25/Add.1 and A/56/7/Add.6)

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/25/Add.1).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/56/7/Add.6).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/C.5/56/25/Add.1 on the estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized, concur with the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 11 of its report; approve the charge of $ 1.7 million for the period from 1 January to 31 March 2002 for the United Nations Office in Burundi (A/C.5/56/25/Add.1) against the provision for special political missions requested under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003; and decided to resume its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized at its first resumed session in March 2002.

Estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized (A/C.5/56/25/Add.2 and A/56/7/Add.7)

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/25/Add.2).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/56/7/Add.7).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/C.5/56/25/Add.2 on the estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized; concur with the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 7 of its report and approve the charge of $1,413,400 for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2002 for the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General for Cyprus (A/C.5/56/25/Add.2) against the provision for special political missions requested under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Friday, 21 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

90th and 91st plenary meetings

Note: The summary of the 90th and 91st plenary meetings of the General Assembly will appear in an addendum to the present issue of the *Journal* (No. 2001/249/Add.1).

Monday 24 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

92nd plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 92nd plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in an addendum to the present issue of the *Journal* (No. 2001/249/Add.1).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 40th meeting

Pattern of conferences [124]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Austria, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.24.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [130]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Iraq made a statement.

The representative of Botswana, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.36.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Following the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Iraq made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [133]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

The representative of Pakistan, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.32.

The representative of Algeria made a statement.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) and Cuba.

The Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division introduced a note by the Secretary-General on the Support Account for peacekeeping operations (A/C.5/56/34).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to take note of document A/C.5/56/34.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of these agenda items at this stage.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget implications

The Committee had before it draft decisions contained in document A/C.5/56/L.33.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decisions.

The representative of Guatemala made a statement.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Israel and Cuba.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2001

The Committee had before it draft decision A/C.5/56/L.37.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Request for subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute contained in the report of the Board

The Committee had before it draft decision A/C.5/56/L.39.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

The Committee had before it draft decision A/C.5/56/L.38.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Safety and security of United Nations personnel

The representative of Cuba, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.31.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Algeria.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Report of the Secretary-General on the contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/33).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly note that a balance of $2,192,100 remained in the contingency fund.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Report of the Secretary-General on the utilization of the provision for special political missions

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/32).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly approve a charge of $33,690,300 against the provision for special political missions.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.29 submitted by the Chairman, which was coordinated by the representative of Portugal.

Statements were made by the representatives Belgium, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Austria, Cameroon, Botswana, the Syrian Arab Republic, Ukraine, Cuba and Algeria.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution as orally corrected.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Kenya, Cuba, the Syrian Arab Republic and India.

Draft report of the Fifth Committee

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the draft report and draft resolutions contained in document A/C.5/56/L.28 (Parts I and II) submitted by the Secretariat, on behalf of the Rapporteur of the Committee, Mr. Santiago Wins (Uruguay).

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division orally corrected the draft report.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to questions raised.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft report and draft resolutions contained in A/C.5/56/L.28 (Parts I and II) as orally corrected.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Biennial programme of work

The Chairman introduced draft decision A/C.5/56/L.34.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

Action taken on certain items

The Chairman introduced draft decision A/C.5/56/L.35 and informed the Committee that the first part of the resumed fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly would be held from 4 to 15 March 2002 and the second part from 6 to 31 May 2002.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Closure of the work of the Fifth Committee during the main part of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly

Statements were made by the representatives of Botswana (on behalf of the African States), Mexico (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Latvia (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Croatia and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Chairman made a statement and declared the work of the Fifth Committee during the main part of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly concluded.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Cook Islands (24 December 2001)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Web sites

Presidency of the Security Council:

<http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency>

President of the General Assembly:

<http://www.un.org/ga/president>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:

<http://www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373>

<http://www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm>

<http://www. un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373>

<http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373>

<http://www.un.org/russian/documen/scdocs/committees/1373>

<http:// www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html>

Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development:

<http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org>

<http://www.un.int/indonesia>

Belgian presidency of the European Union:

<http://www.un.int/belgium>

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